

# Isaiah 32:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

## Analysis

**And the work of righteousness shall be peace** (וְהָיָה מַעֲשֵׂה הַצְדָּקָה שְׁלוֹמִים, vehayah ma'aseh hatsedeqah shalom)—the מַעֲשֵׂה (ma'aseh, work, product, result) of צְדָקָה (tsedeqah, righteousness) is שְׁלוֹמִים (shalom, peace). **And the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever** (וַעֲבֹדַת הַצְדָּקָה הַשְׁקֵט וְבֵטַח עַד-עוֹלָם, va'avodat hatsedeqah hashqet vabetach ad-olam)—the עֲבֹדָה (avodah, service, effect) of righteousness produces הַשְׁקֵט (hashqet, quietness, tranquility) and בֵּטַח (betach, security, confidence) עַד-עוֹלָם (ad-olam, forever).

Righteousness produces peace—not as separate realities but as cause-effect. True שְׁלוֹמִים (shalom)—wholeness, completeness, welfare—flows from צְדָקָה (tsedeqah, righteousness). Wickedness breeds anxiety (Isaiah 57:20-21, 'the wicked are like the troubled sea... There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked'). Righteousness yields quietness (הַשְׁקֵט, hashqet)—settled tranquility—and assurance (בֵּטַח, betach)—confident security. James 3:18: 'And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.' Romans 5:1: 'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God.'

## Historical Context

Israel sought peace (שְׁלוֹמִים, shalom) through political alliances, military strength, compromises with paganism. All failed. True peace comes only through righteousness—covenant faithfulness. The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) brings righteousness that produces eternal peace. Ephesians 2:14 says Christ 'is our

peace'—He reconciles Jew and Gentile, God and humanity. The new Jerusalem has no temple because God Himself dwells there (Revelation 21:22), producing perfect shalom.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How have you experienced righteousness producing peace versus wickedness breeding anxiety?
2. What's the difference between the world's 'peace' (absence of conflict) and biblical shalom (wholeness from righteousness)?
3. What areas of restlessness or insecurity might trace to unrighteousness rather than external circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה הַ	מַעֲשֵׂה הַ	הַצְדִּיק הַ	שָׁלֹוֹם	וְעֵבֶרְתָּ
H1961	And the work	of righteousness	shall be peace	and the effect
	H4639	H6666	H7965	H5656
הַצְדִּיק הַ	הַשָּׁקֵט	וְכַחַח	עַד	עוֹלָם:
of righteousness	quietness	and assurance	for	ever
H6666	H8252	H983	H5704	H5769

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 26:3** (Peace): Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

**Psalms 119:165** (Peace): Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

**Psalms 85:8** (Peace): I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

**Romans 14:17** (Righteousness): For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

**1 John 4:17** (Parallel theme): Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

**Ezekiel 39:29** (Parallel theme): Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

**Isaiah 57:19** (Peace): I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

**Isaiah 55:12** (Peace): For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Hebrews 6:11** (Parallel theme): And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

**Isaiah 48:18** (Righteousness): O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: